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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 28-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 04/28/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/21/01
BRO-FRY	155,660	149,495
LT HENS	1,914	1,780
HVY HENS	1,481	1,533

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 21-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	417	13	430
LAST WEEK	316	7	323
SAME WK YR AGO	299	0	299
TO DATE 2001	8,121	120	8,241
TO DATE 2000	8,519	50	8,569

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,123	1,423	3,546
LAST WEEK	1,967	1,480	3,447
SAME WK YR AGO	2,329	1,433	3,762
TO DATE 2001	37,835	21,135	58,970
TO DATE 2000	41,109	21,932	63,041

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 21-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	151,270 (A)	1,706	1,410	3,116
AVG WT	5.11	3.54	7.90	5.51
LAST WEEK	144,057	1,651	1,473	3,124
SAME WEEK YR AGO	146,562	2,030	1,433	3,463
AVG WT	5.05	3.39	7.81	5.22
TO-DATE/2001	2,393,871	29,714	21,015	50,729
TO-DATE/2000	2,453,333	32,590	21,882	54,472

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.1 million head or 0.4 million head less than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 14, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	34,379	26,401	48,281
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.71	5.90
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	24%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	32,311	21,707	43,360
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.68	5.89
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	22%	45%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	30,201	26,507	43,818
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.73	5.98
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	26%	44%
TO DATE/2001	482,465	392,823	657,250
TO DATE/2000	502,123	475,020	600,819

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-APR-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,806	2,572	38	14	4,430
AVG WT	16.24	35.21	22.04	30.91	27.34
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,811	2,412	32	9	4,264
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,011 (B)		17	15	4,043
AVG WT	25.68 (B)		31.82	26.13	25.71
TO-DATE/2001	73,022 (B)		606	249	73,877
TO-DATE/2000	73,308 (B)		219	618	74,145

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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